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Postal Rate Commission
901 New York Ave N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Re: Closure of the Ecorse, Michigan post office

Dear Commission:

My previous letter of July 27 appeals the Postal Service's decision to close the Ecorse, Michigan post office effective July 28. The purpose of this letter is to provide the details of my appeal, as promised in my earlier letter of July 27.

As a lifelong resident of Ecorse, Michigan, I am a member of the community served by the post office being closed. I am also a postal employee (assigned to a different post office not slated for closure). I am concerned that the Postal Service has taken steps to close the Ecorse post office without following procedures mandated by federal law.

Under 39 U.S.C. § 404, the Postal Service is to consider five factors in deciding whether to close a post office, including the effect on the community served and employees assigned to the post office. The Postal Service is to issue a written determination which specifically addresses these five factors. And, that written determination is to be made available to the persons served by the post office. I am not aware of any written determination made by the Postal Service, as required by 39 U.S.C. § 404, and no such determination has ever been made available for my review or, as far as I know, anyone else's review.

The federal law referenced above also provides that the Postal Service shall take no action to close a post office until 60 days after its written determination is made available to persons served by the post office. As the Postal Service's written determination (if any exists) has never been made available to me, the 60 day period referenced above has not even begun to run.

The Postal Service first began to notify community members of the closure by letter dated June 25 (see enclosed). As the Postal Service's Operations Manual makes clear, the public is to be given notice of "a proposed action". The June 25 announces that the closure will occur on July 28 and notifies the public of how to prepare for the closure. Thus, the June 25 letter announces a final decision, not a proposed action, and is not the contemplated notice which would trigger the 60 day

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period. (Even if the 60 day period had begun to run effective with the June 25 letter, the 60 day notice required under federal law still would not be provided as closure was set for a mere 33 days hence.)

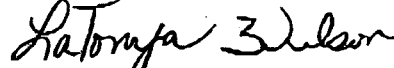
The Postal Service's Operations Manual states the determination is to be made "after public comments are received and taken into account." I am not aware of the Postal Service having solicited or considered comments from the public.

The requirements of federal law are mandatory (the Postal Service "shall" consider the statutory factors, any determination "shall" be in writing and address those factors, the Postal Service "shall" take no action until 60 days after the written determination is made available, etc.). As far as I know, the Postal Service has not complied with any of these mandatory requirements.

It is my understanding that, although the Commission may be unable to overturn the decision to close the Ecorse post office, it can suspend the effectiveness of the determination until this appeal is determined. I request such suspension, and ask that the Commission find merit in my appeal and continue such suspension at least until compliance with federal law has been achieved.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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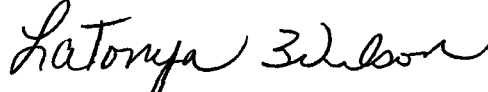
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Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. Section 404, I hereby appeal the U.S. Postal Services decision to close the Ecorse, Michigan Classifield Finance Station. I will detail my appeal in a subsequent letter. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LaTonya Wilson".

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